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FOR: S/PRS; USIA FOR IPS/PA

DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR MR. SCOWCROFT AND WHITE HOUSE
FOR MR. NESSEN.

QUOTE: MR. COMMISSIONER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LET ME FIRST EXPRESS MY GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY WARM HOSPITALITY WHICH YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO ME. I TAKE IT AS AN EXPRESSION OF THE RESPECT AND AFFECTION THAT LIE AT THE HEART OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THE UNITED STATES WAS PRESENT AT THE BIRTH OF THIS NATION AND WE HAVE BEEN A PROUD PARTNER EVER SINCE TO THE DRAMATIC PROGRESS WHICH ZAIRE HAS MADE.

QUOTE: IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT TODAY I FEEL AT HOME -- AMONG OLD FRIENDS, OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL. AND I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL STAND BY ITS FRIENDS. WE WILL SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INCREASE THEIR NATION'S PROSPERITY, AND ENSURE THAT ITS BENEFITS ARE WIDELY SPREAD. AND WE WILL SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AS THEY RESIST EXTERNAL FORCES WHICH WOULD IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON AFRICAN INDEPENDENCE AND AFRICAN UNITY.

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QUOTE: WE ARE DISCUSSING BOTH THESE IMPORTANT TOPICS DURING MY

STAY HERE IN ZAIRE. AND THE RELAXED, CONFIDENT, AND UNDERSTANDING MOOD OF OUR TALKS REFLECTS THE CLOSE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. THEY CONTINUE THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRIENDLY COURSE APPROPRIATE TO DEALINGS BETWEEN MAJOR NATIONS AND SOVEREIGN EQUALS AND MOST RECENTLY EXEMPLIFIED A FEW WEEKS AGO IN WASHINGTON DURING YOUR VISIT.

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ZAIRE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE VAST POTENTIAL WHICH THIS COUNTRY CAN BRING TO ITS PEOPLE, TO THIS REGION AND TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION COMPELS AMERICA-S SUPPORT. I CAN ASSURE YOU TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WHICH CONTINUE TO STAND BY ZAIRE IN PROMOTING ITS ECONOMIC PROGRESS. SINCE INDEPENDENCE WE HAVE PROVIDED STEADY AND SUBSTANTIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. AND IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS WE HAVE LAUNCHED NEW INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO ALLEVIATE THE BURDEN BORNE BY NATIONS LIKE ZAIRE AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT ARBITRARY RISES IN THE PRICE OF OIL, AND THE SEVERE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE WORLD MARKETS FOR KEY COMMODITIES LIKE COPPER.

QUOTE: IT IS DISTRESSING TO ALL WHO VALUE SELF-DETERMINATION AND AFRICAN UNITY THAT ZAIRE, WHICH SEEKS TO DEDICATE ITS ENERGIES TO ENORMOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS NOW MUST ALSO SEEK TO BOLSTER ITS DEFENSES. THESE CURRENTS STRAIN THE UNITY OF AFRICA, THREATENING TO DIVIDE IT INTO CONTENDING NATIONS AND ACTIONS, AND OPEN THE WAY FOR RENEWED GREAT POWER AMBITIONS TO ASSERT THEMSELVES IN THE CONTINENT. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS CONVINCED THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY AFRICAN SOLUTIONS. AND THIS IN TURN, CAN ONLY BE DONE SUCCESSFULLY AND LASTINGLY BY A UNITED AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTED TO THE PROPOSITION OF AFRICAN UNITY -- AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE COURSE TOWARD AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MOST CERTAIN PROTECTION AGAINST THE BIG POWER RIVALRIES THAT COULD TURN THIS CONTINENT INTO A GRAVELY DESTABILIZING FACTOR ON THE WORLD SCENE.

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES WILL COOPERATE WITH THOSE WHO SEEK AN END TO THE INJUSTICES OF THE PAST, AND WITH THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE MOST RECENT CHALLENGES TO AFRICAN NATIONALISM AND AFRICAN INTEGRITY. BUT I WANT TO STRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEEK TO LINE UP A PRO-AMERICAN BLOC. WE HAVE LONG ACCEPTED

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GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT AS VALID, INDEED AS A NECESSARY CONCEPT IN TODAY'S WORLD. THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THAT EACH NATION MUST FIND ITS OWN WAY TO SERVE ITS PEOPLE AND TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF OUR ERA OF INTERDEPENDENCE. WE SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF AUTHENTICITY TO WHICH THE COMMISSIONER CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH.

QUOTE: OUR POLICY TOWARD AFRICA IS CLEAR:
-- WE WANT AFRICA TO ENJOY ITS FAIR SHARE OF PROSPERITY.

IT SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS BEGUN AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST SEPTEMBER, AND WHICH WILL CONTINUE NEXT WEEK IN NAIROBI AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT. THERE I WILL PLAN TO PUT FORTH A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ADVANCE THE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE TOWARD BUILDING A NEW ERA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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DEPARTMENT PASS NSC FOR MR. SCOWCROFT AND WHITE HOUSE
FOR MR. NESSEN.

-- WE SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION, MAJORITY RULE, AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA. AS YOU HAVE SAID, MR. COMMISSIONER, "IF THERE IS ONE ASPIRATION WHICH AFRICAN STATES HOLD DEAREST, IT IS TO SEE THE CONTINENT TOTALLY LIBERATED, FROM THE SCOURGES OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM." LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO SEE THAT AFRICA REALIZES ITS FULL POTENTIAL UNDER CONDITIONS OF LIBERTY AND JUSTICE. YESTERDAY,

IN LUSAKA ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD I PUT FORTH MY COUNTRY'S POSITION ON THESE ISSUES, ESPECIALLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE OUTLINED A TEN-POINT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO SPEED MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. AND WE UNDERLINED THE URGENT NEED FOR INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA AND RACIAL JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA. I APPRECIATE THE VERY GENEROUS WORDS THAT YOU HAVE SPOKEN THIS EVENING ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.

-- WE SEEK TO INSULATE AFRICA TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE
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FROM GREAT POWER RIVALRIES. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF THIS CONTINENT, WHOSE LIBERTY AND SENSE OF UNITY ARE SO WELL UNDERWAY SHOULD BE REVISITED BY THE EXTERNAL AMBITIONS AND SUFFOCATING OPPRESSIONS OF THE PAST ERAS.

-- AND WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE. YOUR COUNTRY IS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS, AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING. WITH GREATNESS AND PROSPERITY COMES RESPONSIBILITY. THE UNITED STATES VALUES THE FRIENDSHIP OF ZAIRE. BUT WE VALUE AS WELL THE RESPONSIBILITY WE MUST BOTH BEAR AS MAJOR NATIONS. WE ARE READY TO FULFILL THAT RESPONSIBILITY WITH YOU.

QUOTE: WE BELIEVE THESE GOALS ARE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH AFRICA'S OWN OBJECTIVES. THE ROAD TO THEIR ACHIEVEMENT WILL BE LONG AND HARD, BUT IT WILL ALSO BE EXHILARATING AND REWARDING. AS PRESIDENT FORD HAS SAID MY VISIT IS INTENDED TO OPEN A NEW CHAPTER IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT WILL BE, I AM CONVINCED, AN ERA WHICH WILL SERVE THE ASPIRATIONS OF AFRICA AND THE INTERESTS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND A WIDENING PROSPERITY FOR ALL PEOPLES.

QUOTE: MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN, SINCE ITS BIRTH, AN ELOQUENT VOICE FOR HUMAN DIGNITY -- FOR FREEDOM AND FOR PROSPERITY. WE ACHIEVED GREAT THINGS. WE CONSIDER OUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE A SUMMONS TO GREATER EFFORT.

QUOTE: IN THIS POST-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD, ZAIRE, LIKE THE UNITED STATES IN ITS EARLY YEARS, IS A LAND FACING VAST CHALLENGES BUT INSPIRED BY THE PROSPECT OF SUCCESS AND PROGRESS. ZAIRE IS POISED TO FORGE AHEAD TO A NEW POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THIS LAST QUARTER OF OUR CENTURY. YOUR COUNTRY HAS ENORMOUS RESOURCES, NOT ONLY FOR ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT BUT FOR THE POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF YOUR NEIGHBORS AS WELL. THE DREAM OF HARNESSING THE ZAIRE RIVER WILL SHORTLY BECOME A REALITY. THE POWER TO BE PRODUCED AT INGA-SHABA WILL INCREASE ZAIRE'S PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY MANY TIMES OVER. AND BEYOND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LIES A VISION OF REGIONAL COOPERATION, IN WHICH ZAIRE IS DESTINED TO PLAY A CRUCIAL PART. JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE MATERIAL BENEFITS WILL BE THE KNOWLEDGE OF HAVING HARNESSSED NATURE FOR THE NATIONAL GOOD AND THE

DEMONSTRATION THAT MAN CAN WORK HIS WILL IN THIS HUGE LAND.

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QUOTE: ZAIRE CAN COUNT ON THE UNITED STATES. ECONOMICALLY, WE WILL PROPOSE MEASURES AT THE UNCTAD MEETING IN NAIROBI WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BENEFIT ZAIRE AND ALL DEVELOPING NATIONS. AND WE WILL, IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, DO ALL WE CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAUSE OF ZAIRIAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO ALLEVIATE ZAIRE'S SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RECENT PLUNGE IN WORLD COPPER PRICES. ON QUESTIONS OF SECURITY, WE HAVE INCREASED OUR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE PAST YEAR AND WE PLAN TO INCREASE IT IN KEEPING WITH THE PERILS ZAIRE FACES.

QUOTE: OUR TWO COUNTRIES THUS SHARE THE PROMISE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. LET US TURN TO THE EXCITING WORK BEFORE US AND GO FORWARD TOGETHER WITH GOODWILL AND RESOLVE. LET US GRASP THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAIT US AND TURN THEM TO THE SERVICE OF OUR PEOPLES AND TO THAT HUMAN COMMUNITY WHOSE ULTIMATE CREATION IS THE GOAL WE ALL SHARE.

QUOTE: MR. COMMISSIONER, GENTLEMEN AND LADY, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO A STATESMAN, TO A LEADER OF A NEW AFRICA, AND TO A SHAPER OF THIS CONTINENT'S DESTINY. TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, TO HIS VISION FOR ZAIRE AND FOR AFRICA, TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAIRE, AND TO OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE EFFORT TO BRING PROSPERITY, PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE TO AFRICA AND THE WORLD. UNQUOTE.
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